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SANITARY LEGISLATION.

STATE LAWS AND REGULATIONS PERTAINING TO PUBLIC HEALTH.

NEW JERSEY.

Morbidity Reports. (Act, Chap. 381, July 6, 1911.)

1. Section 1 of the act to which this act is amendatory be, and the same hereby is, amended so that it shall read as follows:

1. Every physician shall, within 12 hours after his first professional attendance upon any person who is suffering from cholera, yellow fever, typhus fever, leprosy, plague, trichinosis, smallpox, varioloid, enteric or typhoid fever, diphtheria, membranous croup, scarlet fever, malaria, tuberculosis in any of its manifestations, trachoma, hydrophobia, glanders, anthrax, chicken pox, anterior poliomyelitis or infantile paralysis, or any other contagious or communicable disease which may hereafter be publicly declared by the State board of health to be preventable and specially dangerous to the public health, report such sickness to the assessor of the township in which such sickness may be; if such sickness be within the limits of the jurisdiction of any local board of health other than the local board of health of any township, then such physician shall report such sickness to the secretary of the local board of health having jurisdiction over the territory within which such sickness may be, if such board has a secretary; if such board has no secretary, then to the clerk of such board: *Provided, however,* That any local board of health may designate some officer of such board, other than the clerk, secretary, or township assessor, to receive such reports, in which case all such reports shall be made to such officer; such reports shall be in writing, signed by such physician and shall set forth the name, age, and precise location of the person suffering from such disease; and every house owner or householder who has reason to believe that any person living, dwelling, or being in any building under his control is affected by any of the contagious, infectious, or communicable diseases hereinabove specified or referred to shall, when no physician has professionally attended such sick person, within 12 hours after discovering the same, report the fact in writing to the same person and in the same manner as any physician attending such sick person would be required to do as hereinabove set forth; and on the 30th day of June and the 31st day of December in each and every year every physician, house owner, and householder making any report or reports as in this section required, shall be entitled to receive from the officer to whom such report or reports shall have been made during the preceding six months, a certificate in writing under the hand of such officer, setting forth the number of names of persons reported to have been affected with any of the diseases hereinabove specifically named or referred to, which certificate when presented by such physician, house owner, or householder to the proper disbursing officer of the city, borough, town, or other local municipal government or township with which such affected person may have been, shall entitle such physician, house owner, or householder to receive from such disbursing officer the sum of 10 cents for each and every name by such certificate certified to have been reported, unless such notification shall be found to have been erroneous, and any

physician, house owner, or householder who shall fail to perform the above-mentioned duty at the time and in the manner above provided shall be liable to a penalty of \$50 for each such failure.

2. Section 2 of the act of which this act is amendatory be, and the same hereby is, amended so that it shall read as follows:

2. The facts contained in every report filed pursuant to the provisions of the first section of this act shall be entered by the officer to whom the same shall be delivered in a book kept exclusively for that purpose, which book shall be subject to the inspection of the local board of health and its proper officers and to the State board of health and its officers only; the officer to whom such report shall be delivered, and whose duty it is to make record of the same, as in this section above set forth, shall also, at least once in each week, and daily when required by the State board of health, transmit the facts stated therein by mail to the secretary of the Board of Health of the State of New Jersey, at Trenton, and shall upon request by the said State board of health or any of its officers give full information concerning the measures which are employed by the local board of health to prevent the spread of the diseases in such reports mentioned, which facts and information shall be conveyed to the secretary of the said State board of health in writing; any officer whose duty it is to make any report to said State board of health or the secretary thereof, as in this section above provided, and who fails to perform such duty at the time and in the manner above provided, shall be liable to a penalty of \$50 for each and every such failure of duty. Proof that the secretary of said State board of health has not received the report of such facts or such information from any such officer shall be prima facie evidence that such facts and information have not been transmitted to said secretary by such officer. Every officer whose duty it is to receive the reports mentioned in section 1 of this act shall, during the month of October in each year, upon presentation of a certificate signed by the secretary of the State board of health stating the whole number of such cases reported as aforesaid from each municipality or township by such officer to the State board of health during the preceding year, be entitled to receive from the proper disbursing officer of the township, city, borough, town, or other local municipal government within the limits of which the sickness so reported occurred, the sum of 10 cents for each case reported, as aforesaid, to the secretary of the State board of health: *Provided, however,* That such officer shall not be entitled to any payment for or on account of any such case unless report of such case was received by the secretary of the said State board of health within 10 days after the date such said case was reported to the officer transmitting the same, and no such case shall be included in such certificate unless so received. Such certificates shall be sent to the officers above mentioned during the month of October of each year.

3. This act shall take effect immediately.

Communicable diseases—Reports of cases on dairy premises. (Act, Chap. 380, July 6, 1911.)

1. Every physician who shall attend any person sick with typhoid fever, dysentery, scarlet fever, diphtheria, or tuberculosis, on any dairy premises where milk is produced for sale or distribution, shall report to the Secretary of the State board of health within 12 hours after he first ascertained that any such person is sick with any of said diseases, which report shall be in writing, and shall state the nature of the disease, the name of the person who is ill with said disease, and the location of the place where such person is ill as aforesaid, and the name of the owner or manager of said dairy premises if the same can be ascertained.

2. Every physician who shall attend any person sick with any of the diseases mentioned in section 1, who shall have knowledge of the fact that any member of the family of such person ill as aforesaid, or any person living in the same family is employed on any dairy premises where milk is produced for sale or distribution, shall report to